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Status

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12-27-02
- This action is FINAL.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) 1-7 is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) 8-13 is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- All Some* None of the:
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received
in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper N (s). _____ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

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The restriction requirement is modified; claims 1-13 and species of figs 1-6 are joined for examination. Fig 7 remains a non-elected species. Applicant is asked to list any claims directed to figure 7.

Spec. Page 10, lines 16, 21 "18" should be --18c--.

Claim 1, lines 10, 11 "installation" is incorrect; should it be --installed--? See line 6.

Abstract is objected to as unclear. It should be rewritten to clearly set forth the invention in a more understandable manner, to refer to "ferrite beads", to fig 6 molded cover and to fig. 7 snap on cover, and that the supports or covers include openings for frictionally fitting over leads of a circuit component to secure them in place.

Title "in association with" should be changed to --onto-- or --over--.

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakamoto in view of France)

It would have been obvious to form Sakamoto inductor 25 in the manner of that of France at 10. This would help to maintain the inductor in place during manufacture.

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over France.

The recited inductor is shown by France at 10. Recited use does not overcome such device where structure of claimed device is shown. Also wire 12 is read as a rod.

Claims 8-10 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vander Heyden.

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The Vander Heyden assembly (see fig 3) includes toroidal element 40 and flexible support 38 fitted over rod 10a and retaining the toroid in place. For claim 13, obvious to mount the parts in the recited manner.

Claims 1-7 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to N Abrams at telephone number (703) 308-1729.

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